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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 27, 2005, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in a Japanese Office Action of a corresponding Japanese application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is included for the Examiner's convenience.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 8-139850, also listed in the Japanese Office Action, was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 27, 2005.

The documents may be relevant for the reason summarized in their respective English Abstracts. EP '593 corresponds to JP '161.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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